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Q: I'd read somewhere that a plane-load of Afghanistani children were to come here for surgery — some of them crippled by Soviet "toy bombs" concealed in dolls and toy trucks. Did the kiddies ever come? Why haven't we seen anything on television?

A: There's a hitch. A plane with six badly injured and disfigured children and two adults was scheduled to land in New York yesterday, arranged by the Committee For Free Afghanistan. Wheelchairs were readied; doctors in hospitals in New York and Pittsburg were braced to operate; prosthetics were prepared. Now, the airline which had agreed to fly them in backed out, as it would be too expensive to arrange the interiors properly.

Q: How rotten. What else are people talking about?

A: David Aarons, the Carter NSC officially cleared of spilling the beans on an American spy in the Soviet Union, rumored writing a novel on it all for a fat advance. (That means about \$300,000.) Earlier fiction includes a "Diary of Henry Kissinger" he scrivened for *Rolling Stone* ... Wash Posters Karen de Young and Mike Getler switching spots, as predicted. (She's London-bound; he's to be crowned foreign editor) ... Harry Stein, "Ethics" scribe for *Esquire* mag, set to edit Jeff Stein's upcoming *Fathers* mag. And he isn't even Jeff's dad ... Ben Bradlee roused from slumber by Euro-scribes, quizzing him about the Million-Dollars-For-Mengele Offer, thinking it was the *Post's*. (Pull up your socks, Euro-

scribes) ... Sana Sabbagh, the ritzy Lebanese belle who toils for Bob Gray — but not because she has to — launched in DC. (She was collected by dozens of new chums at Sen. Larry Pressler's 43rd Birthday Blast at Pisces) ... Arthur Burns, the first to warm the Arthur Burns Chair at the American Enterprise Institute, come May 15 ... Paul J. Burly, the Iron Man who runs the University Club, poised to hitch with his fair Ann Spaeth ... How the YMCA's big fund-push raised \$518,000 — and a horse. (The very sweet Bob Lamothes of Annapolis gave Blazer, a mare, and her riding gear to the Y's Camp Letts in Edgewater, Md.) ... And how new Therapeutic Riding Center convert and presidential pressie Jim Brady has galloped in to help chair the International Hunt Ball at the AgDept April 19. More tomorrow.